
**DIAS DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE CENTRE**

**ANNUAL REPORT
and ACCOUNTS**

2020/2021



DIAS Domestic Violence Centre

The Board of Trustees presents its report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: DIAS Domestic Violence Centre

Charity registration number: 1073769

Company registration number: 03548114

Registered Office and operational address: 38 Rodney House, King Street, Wigan, Lancs, WN1 1BT

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Board of Trustees

Timothy Smith - Chair

Martin Preston - Vice Chair

Eunice Smethurst

Susan Gambles

Elaine Tyrrell

Peter Reece

Adviser to the Board of Trustees

Andrew Taylor

Chief Officer

Gemma Braithwaite

Our aims and objectives

Our charity's purposes, as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association, are to;

Promote for the public benefit, the provision of services directed towards the prevention of domestic violence and the relief and support of persons who are in danger of suffering such violence, to advance the education of the voluntary and statutory agencies and the public in all aspects of domestic violence, its causes and prevention.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of our activities and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be to seek to alleviate the suffering experienced by anyone affected by domestic abuse and violence and to raise awareness within the community to promote early intervention, prevention and resilience building. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- Providing a range of services which are responsive to client needs and address the potential problems related to domestic abuse.
- Focussing upon limiting the harm which comes with domestic abuse, not only for the individual but also their family and friends and the wider community of the Wigan Borough. Working in
- partnership with other agencies to provide an holistic network of support that reduces the risk of harm and addresses client needs.

How our activities deliver public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All our charitable activities focus on providing advice and support to anyone affected by domestic abuse to reduce the risk of harm and

promote recovery from their experiences and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Local context

In the 12 months ending March 2021 -

- 68% of Domestic Abuse victims reported to the police were female. However, data from other supporting services suggest this figure is higher.
- The most prevalent areas for Domestic Abuse crime and victim's residence were Siddow Common (Leigh), Higher Folds North (Leigh) & Hag Fold East (Atherton)
- Domestic Abuse was most significant in victims aged 25- 34 and 35-44
- 74% of Domestic Abuse offenders, between 2016 and 2019, were male compared to 24% Female. 25% were of these offenders were also victims of Domestic Abuse in the same period.
- The most common age for offenders was consistent with the victims, being 25-34.
- The most prevalent areas for Domestic Abuse are in the most deprived areas in the Borough, however it is acknowledged that the rate may be higher in the more deprived areas due to underreporting

Our monitoring suggests those that we provided support to broadly reflect these statistics.

Who used and benefited from our services?

During the financial year we assisted over 700 clients who were directly impacted by domestic abuse, which was a very significant increase on previous years. In line with our objectives and funding all service users resided within the Wigan Borough.

The Coronavirus Pandemic impacted significantly on our day to day operations, a marked increase in people accessing the service for support was recorded. During the pandemic the majority of support for individuals affected by domestic abuse was offered over the phone to ensure service continuity and to keep residents within the community safe and healthy. Our helpline received over 3000 calls during the reporting period.

The usual main areas of charitable activity are the provision of drop in's, community outreach, helpline, counselling, group support programmes and healthy relationship sessions for children and young people.

Income and funding

From the beginning of the Coronavirus outbreak and associated lock downs, Central Government were aware that DA was a very real issue for many vulnerable people. Funding was provided through the regional government schemes and grant making charities to help provide support and meet demand. Due to this funding DIAS was able to adapt quickly to the needs of our clients and ensure minimal disruption to our support offer.

Awards for All funding allowed us to pay staff for extra hours worked to meet the needs of service users. Initially, staff generously volunteered their time to meet the increased demand so this funding allowed us to do this more sustainably. It also allowed us to recruit an additional staff member.

Ministry of Justice funding that was administered via the PCC/GMCA provided the infrastructure and further additional staff to successfully launch a dedicated helpline for people affected by domestic abuse within the borough. We also created a service level agreement and partnership with another local charity to deliver the outcomes.

Forever Manchester funding allowed us to devise an online E-learning package together with training sessions to increase knowledge of domestic abuse of professionals and the wider community of Wigan & Leigh. This training programme equipped the community with knowledge around domestic abuse to help learners to recognise the signs and enable early intervention and protection from further harm.

During the year we were successful in our bid to deliver community domestic abuse services on behalf of Wigan Council, the contract is delivered in partnership with another local charity and includes drop in's, community outreach, helpline, healthy relationship sessions in schools, group recovery programmes, adult counselling and training responsibilities. The contract began on 1st October 2020 and can be renewed annually for up to 3 years.

We also continued the delivery of children's counselling and therapy sessions as a subcontractor of Child Action North West, who deliver the Lancashire County Council early help and well being contract.

Thank you to Corptel UK for their generous donation to support our work.

Note from the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all of the volunteers, staff, funders, stakeholders and donors for their commitment and support during the financial year.

Statement of Accounts 2020/21

DIAS Domestic Violence Centre

(a company limited by guarantee)

Registered Co. No. 03548114



Section A Independent Examiner's Report**Report to the trustees/
members of**

DIAS Domestic Violence Centre Limited

**On accounts for the year
ended**31st March 2021**Charity no (if any)**

3548114

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/03/2021.

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

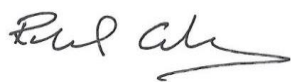
**Independent
examiner's statement**

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy).

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:**Date:** 14th September 2021**Name:**

Richard Gibson

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

CIPFA (Membership 62078-CIP)

Address:

4 St Michaels Court, Swinley, Wigan, WN1 2BY

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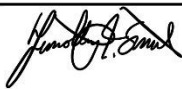

Statement of Accounts from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Section A Statement of financial activities (including summary income and expenditure account)

Categories by activity	Note	This Year £	Prior year funds £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3,4	214,037	81,307
Other trading activities	3	221,758	41,322
Investments	3	125	253
Other		7,046	
Total		442,967	122,882
Expenditure (Notes 6)			
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5	47,385	47,988
Charitable activities	5	274,879	59,307
Other			
Total		322,264	107,295
Net income/(expenditure) after tax before investment gains/(losses)		120,703	15,587
Net gains/(losses) on investments			
Net income/(expenditure)		120,703	15,587
Extraordinary items			
Transfers between funds			
Other recognised gains/(losses):			
Other gains/(losses)			
Net movement in funds		120,703	15,587
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		97,045	81,458
Total funds carried forward		217,747	97,045

Statement of Accounts from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Section B Balance sheet

	Note	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets			-
Tangible assets			-
Total fixed assets		-	-
Current assets			
Stocks			-
Debtors	9	66,667	18,789
Investments			
Cash at bank and in hand	11	183,449	98,256
Total current assets		250,116	117,045
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	32,369	20,000
Net current assets/(liabilities)		217,747	97,045
Total assets less current liabilities		217,747	97,045
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			-
Provisions for liabilities		-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		217,747	97,045
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		217,747	97,045
Restricted income funds		-	-
Total funds		217,747	97,045
<i>The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.</i>			
<i>The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.</i>			
<i>The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.</i>			
<i>These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.</i>			
Signed by one or two trustees/directors on behalf of all the trustees/directors		Signature	Date of approval
			27 th September 2021
Signature of director authenticating accounts being sent to Companies House		Signature	Date of approval
			27 th September 2021

Section C	Notes to the accounts		(cont.)	
Note 3	Income			
	Analysis of income	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Prior year
			£	£
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	22,777	22,777	4,294
	Gift Aid	-	-	369
	Legacies		-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	191,260	191,260	76,644
	Donated goods, facilities and services		-	-
	Other		-	-
	Total	214,037	214,037	81,307
Charitable activities:	Wigan Council Contract for delivery of Domestic Violence Support	200,000	200,000	-
			-	-
	Other	7,045	7,045	-
	Total	207,045	207,045	-
Other trading activities:	Childrens Counselling	21,758	21,758	41,322
			-	-
			-	-
	Other		-	-
	Total	21,758	21,758	41,322
Income from investments:	Interest income	125	125	253
	Dividend income		-	-
	Rental and leasing income		-	-
	Other		-	-
	Total	125	125	253
Separate material item of income			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Total	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		442,965	442,965	122,882
Other information:				

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont.)	
Note 4	Analysis of receipts of government grants		
		This year	Last year
	Description	£	£
	Wigan Council	20,000	60,000
	National Lottery - Covid-19 emergency response	9,961	
	Ministry of Justice - Covid grant administered by PCC for Covid	96,282	
	Greater Manchester Combined Authority Covid Response	44,000	
	Forever Manchester - Covid response	21,017	
	Total	191,260	60,000
<i>Please provide details of any unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to grants that have been recognised in income.</i>	None		
<i>Please give details of other forms of government assistance from which the charity has directly benefited.</i>	None		

Section C		Notes to the accounts		(cont.)	
Note 5	Expenditure				
	Analysis of expenditure	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Prior year	
			£	£	
Expenditure on raising funds:	Incurred seeking donations	2,000	2,000	2,000	
	Incurred seeking grants	15,939	15,939	17,609	
	Staging fundraising events	-	-	1,000	
	Other trading activities - Child Counselling	29,446	29,446	27,379	
			-	-	
	Total expenditure on raising funds	47,385	47,385	47,988	
Expenditure on charitable activities	Mainstream activities including drop in, advice and counselling, outreach, operation of helpline and training.	274,879	274,879	59,307	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
		Total expenditure on charitable activities	274,879	274,879	59,307
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		322,264	322,264	107,295	

Section C					Notes to the accounts	
Note 6 Support Costs						
<i>Please complete this note if the charity has analysed its expenses using activity categories and has support costs.</i>						
Support cost	Raising funds	Child Counselling	Mainstream Activities	Grand total	Basis of allocation (Describe method)	
	£	£	£	£		
All Support	17,939	4,550	42,469	64,958	Staff time	
Total	17,939	4,550	42,469	64,958		
<i>Please provide details of the accounting policy adopted for the apportionment of costs between activities and any estimation techniques used to calculate their apportionment.</i>			Staff time is used as basis to allocate support costs over the 3 main heads of expenditure shown above			

Section C					Notes to the accounts		(Cont.)	
Note 7 Details of certain types of expenditure								
Note 7.1 Fees for examination of the accounts								
<i>Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner. If nothing was paid please enter '0' in the appropriate box(es).</i>								
					This year		Last year	
					£		£	
Independent examiner's fees					Nil		Nil	
Assurance services other than independent examination					Nil		Nil	
Tax advisory fees					Nil		Nil	
The independent examiner carries out the service as a gift to the charity.								

Section C		Notes to the accounts		(cont)	
		Note 8		Paid employees	
8.1 Staff Costs					
				This year	Last year
				£	£
Salaries and wages				154,759	83,441
Social security costs				7,965	4,420
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)				3,428	1,850
Other employee benefits					-
Total staff costs				166,152	89,711
Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party				none	
Please give details of the number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) fell within each band of £10,000 from £60,000 upwards. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.					
No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000				true	
11.2 Average head count in the year				This year	Last year
				Fte	Fte
The parts of the charity in which the employees work		Fundraising	1.0	0.9	
		Charitable Activities	3.7	1.1	
		Governance	1.5	0.6	
		Total	6.3	2.6	
11.3 Ex-gratia payments to employees and others (excluding trustees)					
Please complete if an ex-gratia payment is made.					
Please explain the nature of the payment		N/A			
Please state the legal authority or reason for making the payment		N/A			
Please state the amount of the payment (or value of any waiver of a right to an asset)		N/A			
11.4 Redundancy payments					
There were no redundancy payments in year					

Section C			Notes to the accounts		(cont)
Note 9 Debtors and prepayments					
9.1 Analysis of debtors					
			This year	Last year	
			£	£	
Trade debtor - Child Action North West – Counselling services				18,789	
Wigan Council			66,667		
Total			66,667	18,789	
9.2 Disclosure of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)					
			This year	Last year	
			£	£	
Trade debtors					
Prepayments and accrued income					
Other debtors					
Total			-	-	

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont.)
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Note 10	Creditors and accruals
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10.1 Analysis of creditors				
	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year	Last year	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	32,369	20,000	nil	nil
Total	32,369	20,000	nil	nil

10.2 Deferred income

Please complete this note if the charity has deferred income.

Please explain the reasons why income is deferred.

Income deferred in 2019/20 was applied in 2020/21 to match Drop-in activity

Movement in deferred income account			This year	Last year
			£	£
Balance at the start of the reporting period			20,000	
Amounts added in current period				20,000
Amounts released to income from previous periods			- 20,000	
Balance at the end of the reporting period			-	20,000

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont.)
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Note 11	Cash at bank and in hand
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			This year	Last year
			£	£
Cash at bank and on hand			183,449	98,256
Other				
Total			183,449	98,256

Section C		Notes to the accounts			(cont.)
Note 12					Events after the end of the reporting period
<i>Please complete this note where events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.</i>					
Please provide details of the nature of the event		n/a			
Provide an estimate of the financial effect of the event or a statement that such an estimate cannot be made		n/a			

Section C		Notes to the accounts					(cont.)	
Note 13 Transactions with trustees and related parties								
<i>If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance notes) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box or "False" if there are transactions to report.</i>								
13.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits								
None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)							TRUE	
<i>In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.</i>								
Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value					Last year	
		This year						
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL		
		£	£	£	£	£	£	
Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.		n/a						
Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.		n/a						
If a third party has been reimbursed for providing one or more trustees, state the nature of the payment and amount of the reimbursement.		n/a						
State the number of trustees to whom retirement benefits are accruing under a defined contribution pension scheme.		n/a						
28.2 Trustees' expenses								
<i>If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box below. If there are transactions to report, please enter "False".</i>								
No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)							TRUE	
Type of expenses reimbursed		This year					Last year	
		£					£	
Travel								
Subsistence								
Accommodation								
Other (please specify):								
TOTAL		0					0	
Please provide the number of trustees reimbursed for expenses or who had expenses paid by the charity		None						

Section C		Notes to the accounts				(cont.)	
13.3 Transaction(s) with related parties							
Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a material interest, including where funds have been held as agent for related parties. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.							
There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)						FALSE	
Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount		Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£		£	£	£
Mr Tim Smith	Chairman	Office premises are rented from ALG Investments (Wigan) Ltd of which Mr Smith is a director. Offices have been rented from ALG Investments (Wigan) Ltd since 1995, Mr Smith has been a Trustee of DIAS since 2013 (Chair 2015)	8,987		nil	nil	nil
In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.		The rent is subject to annual review and is currently approximately £4,000 below market rental value.					